(b) and (c) The employment generation Schemes are on-going and implemented in accordance with the guidelines, by and large, as per appraisal made by the Ministry. Information on families crossing above the poverty line is not maintained.

**Revival of dormant National Fund for Rural Development**

276. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Fund for Rural Development was started in 1995-96 which has since become dormant;

(b) if so, the salient features of this scheme;

(c) the total amount collected in this fund;

(d) whether with a view to get more revenues for the vast rural undeveloped sector, the Government have revived the dormant National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No Sir. The National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD) was set up in February, 1984.

(b) The NFRD is envisaged to act as a chennel for mobilising efforts and resources from individuals, corporate and non-corporate bodies for taking up rural developmental activities.

(c) So far an amount of Rs. 11,71,98,065.15 has been collected in the Fund.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

**Assistance to educated unemployed youth under SGSY and GRY**

277. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL